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To: Tsarkov, Alex

Subject: STRONG OBJECTION TO BILL SB-1094: An Act banning large capacity Ammunition Magazines

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to SB-1094: An Act banning large capacity Ammunition Magazines scheduled to be heard this Wednesday March 23rd.

My reasons for this objection are as follows:

- 1) This bill presumes that there are no lawful purposes to possessing a magazine with capacity greater than 10 rounds and makes owning such devices a Felony. This is absolutely outrageous! I am not a criminal and owning a STANDARD CAPACITY magazine should not automatically make me one.
- 2) The second amendment clearly states: "*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*" This act is a clear infringement to that fundamental right to own and operate a firearm for lawful purpose- including self-defense and sport shooting. Most handguns and rifles hold greater than 10 rounds and have been that way for years. Retrofitting these would be prohibitively expensive for your constituents while serving no purpose.
- 3) This bill will do nothing towards preventing violence as in the tragedy's in Arizona and elsewhere. The efforts should be made in preventing criminals from obtaining weapons in the first place- not criminalizing citizens who are legally and justifiably protecting themselves and their families.
- 4) In a time when people are continuing to lose their jobs, putting this bill forward will cost CT jobs, and compliance will be a large financial burden for its legally abiding citizens.
- 5) Criminals and others with harmful intent will not comply with this ruling, putting lawfully abiding citizens at a distinct disadvantage in protecting themselves.

To quote the NRA (to whom I am not a member), "*SB 1094 is a bill in search of a problem, despite the recent media attention given to "large capacity" magazines, no correlation exists between the size or arbitrary capacity of a detachable magazine and violent crime. Owners of "large capacity" magazines are not criminals or individuals intent on committing atrocious acts; they are sportsmen or firearm enthusiasts who own the magazines for a variety of reasons, including sport, competition or self-defense.*" I couldn't agree more.

I strongly oppose this legislation, and as my elected legislators ask that you take into account the voices of my family, friends and neighbors in voting strongly against this legislation. Connecticut citizens are not asking for this type of legislation. If you want to make us safer, prevent criminals from obtaining weapons in the first place.

Sincerely,

Michael Nesteriak

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